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NEIL BOGGS: "There were statements from several quarters today, in the continuing controversy over under cover financial dealings by the Central Intelligence Agency, but none from the White House, nor will there be, sources familiar with the President's views said, until Mr. Johnson has in hand the results of the top level review he has ordered. Mr. Johnson's position is said to be that to say anything publicly now would be to prejudge the case.

"Meantime, CIA Director Richard Helms testified at a closed door session on Capitol Hill and said at least part of the agency's financial aid to private organizations in being ended.

"Chairman Richard Russell of the Senate subcommittee which oversees CIA operations defended the agency's role and added that charges academic freedom has been harmed are hogwash.

"Senator Robert Kennedy of New York said it was under Presidential orders that the CIA finance student trips to student meetings abroad.

"Meantime, NBC News has learned that the American Friends Service Committee was among of the recipients of some of the CIA money. The fund may have helped finance the Committee's program to provide medical supplies to civilians in North Vietnam."